THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Speed restriction on Kadalundi Rail Bridge

2852. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kadalundi river bridge in Kerala, which collapsed on 22nd June, 2001, should have been replaced some ten years back as per recommendations of safety expert;

(b) if so, whether trains were expected to restrict their speed to 20Km. per hour only while passing over this bridge;

(c) if so, whether these precautions were being taken; and

(d) whether responsibility for this has been fixed and guilty persons have been punished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Collaboration in Railtel Corporation of India Ltd.

2853. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMARAGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expanded Railway Board has decided to tie-up with Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd., Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd., and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. as partners for its new venture, Railtel Corporation of India Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the objectives of the Railtel Corporation of India Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b)The expanded Railway Board had examined the Detailed Project Report of the Rail Tel Corporation of India Ltd. and *inter-alia* decided:—